



OPENING SONG: 'LET YOUR KINGDOM COME QUICKLY!'



Song: Diddy Disciples © Sharon Moughtin-Mumby
Tune: 'There's a hole in my bucket' (traditional)

To the tune of 'There's a hole in my bucket'
Let your Kingdom come quickly: *Come action*
in Walworth*, in Walworth*! *Come action*
Let your Kingdom come quickly! *Come action*
Let your will be done! *Thumbs up*

**Replace with the name of your place.*

THE BIGGEST PARTY

Luke 14.15-24

Song: 'Come and join the party!' © Sharon Moughtin-Mumby
Tune: Polly put the kettle on (traditional)

Jesus said, God's Kingdom is like the BIGGEST party!
Let's get ready for the party!
We're having a party...
what do you think we need to do to get ready?

Invite the children to make suggestions of things we need to do and choose an actions for it.

Examples:

- **Write invitations:** *'Ok, let's write some invitations!'*
- **Make some party food:** *Ok, let's write some invitations!'*
- **Blow up balloons: etc.**
- **Decorate the party room**
- **Bake a cake**

For each suggestion sing the following song while leading the children in copying the action that the child has chosen. Do this about three times.

To the tune of 'Polly put the kettle on'. The words for this song are so repetitive, you won't need to teach it. Just start singing and the children will naturally join in:

[Get] ready for the party!
[Get] ready for the party!
[Get] ready for the party!
There's lots to do!

That was hard work! Everything's ready for the party.
Now we need to let our friends know.
We have three best friends.
Shall we go and tell them?

Let's tell our first best friend that the party's ready!
First we need an action for party.
What can our party action be?
Choose one of the actions.
Right. Let's put our party hat on
Lead the children in putting imaginary hat on
and let's tell our friend.

Come and join the party! *'Come!' followed by 'Party' action*
Come and join the party! *'Come!' followed by 'Party' action*
Come and join the party! *'Come!' followed by 'Party' action*
Come! Come! Come! *Come action*

But the first friend said, 'Sorry, I'm too busy'.
Shake head and look sad.
Let's be the first friend together, and sing sadly.
We're not going to the party!

Lead the children in singing sadly.
Sorry I'm too busy! *Shake head*
Sorry I'm too busy! *Shake head*
Sorry I'm too busy! *Shake head*
[Too] busy to come! *Shake head*

Oh dear! Our friend's not coming to our party!
Let's take our party hat off.
Lead the children in miming taking the hat off.
How are you feeling?
Can you show me?
Give the children a moment to show their feelings.
Never mind.
Let's put our party hat on
Lead the children in putting imaginary hat on
And tell our second best friend that the party is ready!

Lead the children in singing in an upbeat way.
Come and join the party! *'Come!' followed by 'Party' action*
Come and join the party! *'Come!' followed by 'Party' action*
Come and join the party! *'Come!' followed by 'Party' action*
Come! Come! Come! *Come action*

But the second friend said, 'Sorry, I'm too busy'.
Shake head and look sad.
Lead the children in singing sadly.

Sorry I'm too busy! *Shake head*
Sorry I'm too busy! *Shake head*
Sorry I'm too busy! *Shake head*
Too busy to come! *Shake head*

Hmmm.
Let's take our party hat off.
Lead the children in miming taking the hat off.
How are you feeling now?
Give the children a moment to show their feelings.
Never mind.
We've still got one best friend left to tell about the party.
Let's put our party hat on
Lead the children in putting imaginary hat on
and tell them.

Lead the children in singing in an upbeat way
Come and join the party! *'Come!' followed by 'Party' action*
Come and join the party! *'Come!' followed by 'Party' action*
Come and join the party! *'Come!' followed by 'Party' action*
Come! Come! Come! *Come action*

But what do you think the next friend said?
Lead the children in singing very sadly.
Sorry I'm too busy! *Shake head*
Sorry I'm too busy! *Shake head*
Sorry I'm too busy! *Shake head*
Too busy to come! *Shake head*

No-one's coming to our party!
Let's take our party hat off.
Lead the children in miming taking the hat off.
How are we feeling?
Can you show me with your face?
Give the children a moment to show their feelings.
Remember all that work we did to get ready for the party?
What can we do with it now?
In Jesus's story:
the party maker decided to invite **everyone** to the party.
Raise voice to be God the party maker:
Go out to the streets! *Point outwards*
Invite EVERYONE! *Come action*
Especially people who aren't normally invited to parties!
Especially people who feel left out!

Let's imagine we're going out in the streets.
Let's stand up.
Let's put our party hat back on!
Lead the children in miming putting the hat on.
Let's walk on the spot together.
Lead the children in walking on the spot.
Now let's sing really loudly and invite **everyone** to come,
especially people who feel left out.

Lead the children in singing loudly
Come and join the party! *Come action*
Come and join the party! *Come action*
Come and join the party! *Come action*
Come! Come! Come! *Come action*
If necessary, sing again, until the children are singing enthusiastically.

And lots of people came!
But look! *Point around.* There's still room at the party!
So the party maker said:
Raise voice to be God the party maker:
'Go out again!' *Point out.*
Look EVERYWHERE! Under the bushes!
In all the dark corners!
Find EVERYONE!
So my house is full!

Let's go outside again. *Walk on the spot.*
Let's look under the bushes
Lead the children in bending down and looking.
And in all the dark corners
Lead children in shielding eyes with hand and peering.
Let's shout even louder
so that people feel that they're missing out if they don't come!
And let's keep looking as we sing.
Lead the children in looking and singing
Come and join the party! *Bend down and look with come action.*
Come and join the party! *Shield eyes and peer around with*
come action.
Come and join the party! *Bend down and look with come action.*
Come! Come! Come! *Come action with one hand cupped*
around mouth

And they came!
The party was the BIGGEST party you've ever seen!
So many people were there: little and big, young and old!
They shared all the food. *Lead the children in sharing action.*
Let's eat food together! *Lead the children in eating.*
And they celebrated together!
Let's dance at the big party and sing together!

Lead the children in dancing and singing joyfully.
Come and join the party!
Come and join the party!
Come and join the party!
Come! Come! Come!

Jesus said:
God's Kingdom is like the biggest party,
where EVERYONE'S invited.

Ask the children to sit down in a moment of quiet and
close their eyes.
EVERYONE is invited to God's big party, God's 'Kingdom'.
God has a special invitation
for people who are sometimes left out.
Maybe you know someone who's left out sometimes?
Maybe sometimes you feel left out?
Leave a moment of quiet.

When the group are ready:
God wants the WHOLE WORLD to be like the Big Party
where EVERYONE's invited,
where everyone SHARES.

Either:
Let's sing our prayer for God's Kingdom again!
Whenever we sing 'your Kingdom',
let's show the biggest party! *Party action*
Let's pray for God's Kingdom to come!

Let your Kingdom *Party action* **come quickly:** *Come action*
in Walworth*, in Walworth*! *Come action*
Let your Kingdom *Party action* **come quickly!** *Party action*
Let your *Clap hands together in prayer* **will be done!**
Repeat as appropriate.

Or (if your group hasn't used the 'Let your Kingdom come' song):
Let's sing our song one last time.
Let's sing the words from the 'Our Father'/Lord's Prayer:
'Jesus, let thy/your Kingdom come!'
And show God's Kingdom
like a party that's getting bigger and bigger as we sing!

Lead the children in singing louder and louder:
Jesus, let thy/your Kingdom come!
Jesus, let thy/your Kingdom come!
Jesus, let thy/your Kingdom come!
Come! Come! Come!
Repeat as appropriate.

Leave a moment's silence....
Amen.

